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Health disparities existed before the coronavirus pandemic, and they'll remain once we make it through this crisis. But the COVID-19 mortality rates in communities of colors, especially African-American communities, show us that this disease does not impact all people equally. The coronavirus preys on the chronic health conditions, like diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and other heart and respiratory conditions that disproportionately impact communities of color and that often go untreated because of distinct social and economic factors. This pandemic has shined a light on the underlying systemic challenges that prevent underserved communities from having health coverage and accessing high-quality health care.

We as community leaders recommit to ensuring that the necessary health recommendations reach our constituencies so that they know about the extra precautions they need to take in order to stay healthy and safe during this crisis. We also call on all elected and public officials to join us in taking decisive action now to mitigate the spread of this virus and to fight so that there is equitable access to COVID-19 testing and medical care. As we approach the apex of this pandemic in South Florida, it is vital that we come together to confront this crisis.

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